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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF UNFDAC PROGRAM IN THAILAND

1. ON FEBURARY 19, 1976, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXTENDING THE UN/THAI PROGRAM FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN THAILAND UNTIL FEBURARY 1978, BUT AT UNSPECIFIED SPENDING LEVELS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT, THE CROP REPLACEMENT COMPONENT OF THE UN/THAI PROGRAM WILL COME UNDER THE RTG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, WHICH HAS GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HILLTRIBE AFFAIRS. THE RTG WILL BAN POPPY CULTIVATION AND ENFORCE THE BAN WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AREAS WHERE THE PEOPLE CAN DERIVE AN ADEQUATE INCOME FROM REPLACEMENT CROPS. THE RTG WILL CONDUCT REGULAR AERIAL SURVEILLANCE IN THESE AREAS TO SEE THAT POPPY CULTIVATION IS ERADICATED. IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS REPLACEMENT CROP FAILURE, UNFDAC WILL ENDEAVOR TO COMPENSATE HILLTRIBE FARMERS FOR UP TO \$50,000 OF PROVEN LOSSES (DETERMINED IN COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS CROP YIELDS AND RETURNS).

3. THE RTG COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN/THAI PROGRAM
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WILL BE ENUMERATED ANNUALLY AND PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH THE

UNFDAC'S BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND, THE RTG WILL CONTRIBUTE 2.8 MILLION BAHT IN CASH TO THE PROGRAM IN 1976 AND AN ESTIMATED 5.0 MILLION BAHT IN 1977.

4. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE RTG AND THE UN DURING 1977.

5. THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO BANGKOK.

6. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO US COMMENT ON IMPRUDENCE OF UNFDAC UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CROP FAILURE COMPENSATION, WELLMAN (UNFDAC) SAID THAT LIABILITY PROVISION WAS CARRIED OVER FROM ORIGINAL UN/THAI AGREEMENT AT RTG INSISTENCE. HE SAID UNFDAC WOULD AVOID ASSUMING SUCH LIABILITY IN FUTURE AGREEMENTS. BRUNGART

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